



2018 Eden Chamber achievements:

- Major highlight - 2018 Community & Business Awards, held at Boydtown in August. Tickets sold out 2 weeks ahead of the event. Thanks to Clair Mudaliar and Adele Mildebrandt for organising.
- Grant Projects:
 - *Futurepreneurs* - funding by FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) - follow up on previous youth project called "Gen-I". Engaged consultant Leanne Atkinson to oversee the project. Group of young Eden High students learned business planning and establishment. Established a Youth Cafe at the high school inc. branding, layout, menu development, hospitality etc.
 - *Economic Gardening* - 3 full day workshops to help existing and new businesses by providing business advice about all aspects in order to grow your business. Attended by a small group but very worthwhile.
- IMB sponsored - manager of their Business Loan division presented on seeking loans and asset acquisition, evening event held at Drift.

Eden Chamber represented on:

- Eden Wharf Extension Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC): Jenny Robb, Gail Ward
- Eden Safe Harbour Project Community Liaison Committee (CLG): Jenny Robb, Gail Ward
- BVSC Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee: Jenny Robb
- Eden Port Users Group: Jenny Robb and/or Gail Ward
- new Family & Community Services funded group seeking to develop strategies to improve the socio-economic status of Eden overall
- our Secretary Mia Maze has been appointed Manager of the UOW Innovation Hub
- we are in consultation with the NSW State Govt Whole of Government group, headed up by Heidi Stratford Director, South East, DPC Regional, Department of Premier and Cabinet about planning and business development related to the wharf developments as a whole
- work closely with Cruise Eden about their role in the wharf development, planned increase in cruise numbers after wharf completed, land-based infrastructure requirements, logistics etc.
- supporting ESCCI in their endeavours to seek annual Council funding for the 2019 NYE fireworks.

Community Projects:

- auspicing the Eden Fitness Trail Group submission to develop a fitness trail (has now achieved 'in principle' support from Council including \$12,000 towards the project)
- supporting a new initiative to develop an all inclusive play space in Eden (Council seeking funding under the "Everyone Can Play" scheme)
- supporting Killer Whale Museum applications for funding to expand and improve accessibility to all areas of the museum
- supported a handful of dedicated volunteers to organise 2018 Christmas on Imlay (thanks to Wendy Ramage and Tiona Leigh) and many businesses who have donated goods etc.
- provided funding and manpower to install (and dismantle) all the Christmas decorations
- liaise with Council about such things as roundabout gardens, general tree/garden plantings throughout Eden, early planning for upgrade to the intersection of Imlay St/Museum st/Albert Tce.
- meet regularly with senior Council staff to bring any particular issue to their attention (last meeting Tues 18th Dec 2018)

Next AGM: 5:30pm Monday 11th March 2019 at Eden Fishermen's Club. All are welcome